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SUBJECT: ALLEGED JAPANESE RESTRICTION OF FOREIGN RACE HORSES

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1. IT IS TRUE THAT NUMBER OF RACES IN WHICH "FOREIGN-BRED HORSES" CAN PARTICIPATE ARE LIMITED TO ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF ALL RACES CONDUCTED BY THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION (JRA). AS NOTED IN REF PARA 2, SUCH LIMITATION IS ESTABLISHED PRIMARILY TO PRECLUDE SUPERIOR "FOREIGN-BRED HORSES" FROM WINNING LARGE SHARES OF JAPANESE PURSES. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC REGULATION WHICH LIMITS WINNINGS TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PURSE.

2. "FOREIGN-BRED HORSES" AS DEFINED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THESE RACES ARE ONLY THOSE

1) HORSES WHICH HAVE NEVER RUN IN A RACE IN ANY FOREIGN AND/OR 2) FOALS BORN IN JAPAN FROM IN-FOAL BROODMARES IMPORTED FROM ABROAD.

3. ALL HORSES, INCLUDING "FOREIGN-BRED HORSES" MUST BE REGISTERED WITH ASSOCIATION BEFORE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN RACES. ONLY HORSE OWNERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF JAPAN CAN APPLY FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RACE HORSES.

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FURTHERMORE, HOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH REGISTRATION

MUST BE EITHER "HOME-BRED" HORSES OR THOSE DEFINED IN  
PARA 2 ABOVE. THIS MEANS IN EFFECT ALOST NO RPT NO RACING  
HORSES OF FOREIGN CONTRIES CAN PARTICIPATE IN RACES IN JAPAN.

4. RE REF PARA 4 (A) DUTY OF YEN 4,000,000 LEVIED ON  
ALL RACE HORSES TEMPORARILY IMPORTED INTO JAPAN FOR  
PURPOSE OF RACING IN JAPAN. RE REF PARA 4(B) IF FOREIGN  
JOCKEY WINS PORTION OF PURSE, THEN JRA ARRANGES WITH  
BANK OF JAPAN FOR CONVERSION OF YEN PROCEEDS TO DOLLARS.  
RACE SPE TATORS WHO ARE ONRESIDENTS ARE TREATED IN THE  
SAME MANNER AS TOURISTS I.E., ALLOWED TO CONVERT YEN UP  
TO DLLS 1,000 PER PERSON DURING THEIR STAY IN JAPAN.  
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